

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1 – 29, and 31 (cancelled)

30. **(previously presented)** A method of producing a laminated package with an opening that is sealed by a tear-off strip, said method comprising the steps of:

- punching out said opening in a packaging material;
- coating said packaging material at least in the area of said opening;
- creating a package sleeve from said packaging material;
- conveying said package sleeve onto a mandrel of a mandrel wheel driven in cycles having at least two mandrels upstream from a filling machine for filling said laminated package; and
- attaching said tear-off strip to said opening in said package sleeve,

wherein said tear-off strip is applied using at least one welding device which is inserted between said two mandrels and is retracted again after said tear-off strip has been welded.